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Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action (Paper No. 20031016) mailed October 20, 2003, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

The claims are presented on pages 2-4.

Claims 8, 16, 18 and 20 are amended.

Claims 5 and 7 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 23 is added.

Remarks begin on page 5.

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